



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

FIREWORKS STAND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Article 78, section 7801.3.1.3 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit is required where the sale of fireworks is allowed by the chief. California Health & Safety Code section 12574 and section 12599 require a retail sales license for retail sales of safe and sane fireworks for private use. See Article 78 and Regulation #12. Additional requirements may be applicable.

Secure a license for sale of fireworks from the California State Fire Marshal prior to June 15.

All required city permits and licenses shall be obtained by permittee 10 days prior to sales opening. Copies of required licenses shall be attached to Fire Department permit. (HSC 12643)

The sale of fireworks is only permitted from NOON of June 28 to NOON of July 6 each year. Cities may restrict sale period to a more restrictive time span. (HSC 12599) Unsold fireworks shall be returned to the wholesaler from whom they were purchased no later than July 31. The retail licensee shall store unsold fireworks in a place and manner approved by the chief until their return to the wholesaler. (Title 19, sec991.1)

Location of fireworks stands must meet the following distance requirements:

1. Stands shall be located at least 25 feet from all buildings with a fire resistive rating less than one hour,
2. Stands shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the curb lines,
3. Each stand shall be located with at least 10 feet clear area in every direction,
4. Vehicles used for sleeping shall be at least 25 feet from any stand,
5. All dry grass and weeds shall be cleared for a distance of 25 feet,
6. Stands shall be located at least 100 feet from any storage of flammable or combustible liquids. (HSC 12679)

Stands shall be of wood or metal construction, built with solid roof, rear wall and ends. No stand shall have a floor area in excess of 400 square feet. No stand shall be constructed with a depth of more than 12 feet. The front shall be of solid wood or metal 3 feet in height from the ground level to the display shelf. The display shelves shall have a panel of unbreakable glass or ¼ inch wire mesh screen a minimum of 18 inches in height between the public and display of fireworks.

Exits of at least 36 inches in width shall be provided at both ends of the structure. Stands in excess of 24 feet in length shall be provided with an exit door within a travel distance of no more than 12 feet. Exit aisles of not less than 36 inches in width shall be maintained free of obstructions at ALL TIMES. Exit doors shall open outward from the stands.

Smoking shall be prohibited within 15 feet of any stand. "NO SMOKING" signs shall be prominently displayed inside and outside the stand. Lettering shall be not less than 3 inches in height. (Title 19, sec991.4)

Signs with minimum three-inch letters shall be posted stating "FIREWORKS SHALL NOT BE SOLD TO PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE". (HSC 12689)

Each stand shall be provided with a minimum of two 2-1/2 gallon water-type fire extinguishers which have been serviced within the past 12 months. Extinguishers shall, at all times, be accessible in case of fire.

All fireworks on the premises must bear the State Fire Marshal classification label and licensee's registration number, and shall be marked "SAFE AND SANE"; otherwise they may be seized by the enforcing agency or Sate Fire Marshal. (HSC 12568)

There shall be at least supervisor, 21 years of age or older on duty at all times. No person under the age of 18 years old shall be allowed in the stand at any time.

Fireworks stands containing fireworks shall be guarded at all times, however no person shall sleep or remain inside the stand when it is not open for business.

No person shall sell or handle fireworks while under the influence of intoxicating liquids or narcotics.
(Title19, sec.991.5)

When 12-volt electrical installations are provided in fireworks stands, all wiring shall run in approved raceways and enclosed fixtures shall be provided for lights. The battery shall be in an enclosure to protect it from any physical damage.

The premises shall be cleared of all structures and debris within 72 hours after midnight on July 4th and shall be done to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

Additional

Requirements _____

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